Housing Scenario

95. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether FDI in real-estate has been liberalized;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether considering the fact that the housing need is critical among the urban low and middle class people, any incentive scheme has been formulated for encouraging the JVs to focus on priority/low cost housing sector in urban and semi-urban areas;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (e) In order to Catalyse investment in construction and development projects as an instrument to generate economic activity, create new employment opportunities and add to the available housing stock and built up infrastructure, the Govt, has *vide* Press Note 2 (2005 series), allowed FDI upto 100% under automatic route for Townships, housing, built-up infrastructure and construction-development projects, which would include, but not be restricted to, housing, commercial premises, hotel resorts, hospitals, educational institutions recreational facilities, city and regional level infrastructure, rather than limiting it to only development of integrated townships.

The National Housing and Habitat Policy 1998 provides for creating strong Public-Private Partnerships for tackling the Housing and Habitat issues.

Homeless people in metropolitan cities

96. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is **a** fact that the number of homeless people is continuously increasing in the metropolitan cities;